

## Why are Missouri Lands Low Priced?

From the Des Moines (Iowa) News.

The state of Missouri can boast of more varied resources than any other state in the Union.

The state is inhabited by a progressive people who have not stinted themselves in the way of public improvements. Schools and churches are everywhere provided. Good roads are the rule rather than the exception. Railroad facilities are adequate. St. Louis and Kansas City, two of the greatest markets in the world, are almost at the door of the producer.

Missouri is rich agriculturally. A longer season than is afforded in the states north of it gives better opportunity for crops, and makes it the ideal state for stock raising. Last year Missouri had a larger yield of corn per acre than any other state.

Why, then, it is asked, should good, productive lands, close to market, with all the advantages of an old-settled country, be purchasable at a lower price than in Iowa—in many cases only half as much?

The reasons are many. Among them are these:

1. Missouri has been overlooked by those seeking new homes. Land seekers have passed over some of the best lands in the country, settling in Kansas, Nebraska and elsewhere. The popular mind, which determines the tendency of the tide of emigration, has regarded Missouri as a settled state which has nothing in particular to offer the new settler.

2. Missouri has not been advertised. Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Oklahoma, etc., have been exploited for years. Shrewd advertising has attracted large attention to these localities. People go in crowds. They follow the line of least resistance. Publicity is the lure which starts the movement to a locality and the impetus of the movement brings the crowds.

3. The railroads have not exploited Missouri. There is a reason for this. The railroads want "the long haul." Therefore they have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in advertising Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, the Red River Valley and other localities far from market in order to get the long haul on freightage. It is only a short pull from any point in Missouri to St. Louis or Kansas City, or even Chicago.

It is plain to any one who can measure advantages that Missouri land compared with land in other states, is very low in price. It must advance. In some cases it will double, in some treble in price in a short time.

It would seem that the purchase of well selected lands in this state, which next year is to be thoroughly advertised by the St. Louis exposition, offers an investment as safe and as promising as any in the country.

## CLIMATE AND CROP BULLETIN.

By Department of Agriculture, Missouri Section, For Month of January.

January, 1903, averaged slightly warmer than usual throughout the greater part of the state, exceptionally mild weather prevailing from the 25th to the 29th. From the 9th to the 13th, however, the weather was quite cold, temperatures of zero and lower occurring in most sections. The precipitation of the month exceeded two inches over portions of the central and eastern sections, but over a large portion of the state it was deficient, many of the northwestern counties receiving less than half an inch. Considerable snow fell during the month but, except in portions of the northern sections, it remained on the ground but a short time.

In most sections of the state the weather was unfavorable for winter wheat; the ground was bare the greater part of the month, and in the central and southern sections there was considerable alternate thawing and freezing. Reports regarding the present condition of the crop are very conflicting but indicate that it has been damaged to some extent in a majority of the central and southern counties and in some localities in the northern sections. In a few of the northeastern counties the crop was fairly well protected by snow and in most counties of that section, and also in a majority of the northwestern counties, it is in good condition, but in portions of the central and southern sections the crop is reported damaged one-tenth or more, although in many localities in those sections it is unharmed. The greater part of the damage has been caused by alternate thawing and freezing.

## Sass City of Brookfield.

Joseph Burns, a well digger of Nebraska, brought suit against the city of Brookfield in the United States circuit court at Kansas City Wednesday for \$5,945, the contract price for a number of wells dug for the Brookfield water works. The case was set for April 27.

## Stock Pasture.

Will furnish good stock pasture at following rates: Cattle, all ages, 50 cents per month; horses, \$1.00 per month.

J. J. FRY.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Local Events of the Past, Present and Future That Will Interest You.

Miss Mamie Rowland went to Chillicothe Thursday.

J. H. Skully made a business trip to Linneus Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Willard were in Brookfield Monday.

B. G. Hurlbut was over from Brookfield Wednesday.

Gilbert Thomas came down from Chillicothe Wednesday.

Arch. B. Davis, a Chillicothe lawyer, was here on business Monday.

Lawyer Libby has been attending circuit court at Salisbury this week.

J. E. Test went to Kansas City Monday evening with a car of hogs.

A twelve-pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marx Tuesday.

Regular meeting of Phil Kearney post Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Chas. Hetrick and Oscar Libby, Jr., were in Sumner Saturday morning.

John H. Smith spent the fore part of the week visiting relatives in Illinois.

Mrs. Powell, of Cantril, Iowa, has been the guest of Mrs. Siders this week.

Ross Webster and wife are the proud parents of a fine girl born Monday.

Byron Slaght remembered THE BLADE with a renewal of subscription Monday.

W. G. Beckett, of Purdin, was in Laclede Thursday, guest of J. H. Brown.

Albert Jenkins and family, of Chula, were visiting friends here Monday.

Mrs. H. Eccles and two little sons visited her parents at Hale a part of this week.

Richard Miller dropped in a dollar Saturday and will read THE BLADE for a year.

H. H. Mathew was up from his home south of Brookfield Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Effie Northup was over from Brookfield Thursday visiting Mrs. Ralph Smith.

H. H. Benjamin has our thanks for a substantial remembrance on subscription this week.

Clarence Mayhugh, who moved to Brunswick several weeks ago, has returned to Laclede.

Cave Thompson and Darly Rowland have gone to Chillicothe to attend the Normal school.

Miss Irene Watson came up from Brookfield Saturday and remained with friends till Monday.

T. M. Hogan will leave about the 18th of this month for California where he expects to locate.

A boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stark last Saturday, but only lived about two hours.

E. E. Starnard has six pure Plymouth Rock cockerels for sale at his farm half mile southwest of town.

If you want a farm loan at lowest rate and best terms, see J. S. Reger, Brownlee Bank, Brookfield.

Miss Allie Hetrick resigned her position in the State asylum at St. Joseph and returned home last week.

D. B. Ormiston has been reappointed postmaster at Linneus by President Roosevelt. Congratulations, Dave.

Ward Wise, after spending several weeks here with relatives and friends, left for his home at Nowata, Ind. Ter., Monday.

S. E. Bradshaw has bought a farm near Keytesville and will move to Chariton county the first of next month.

Miles Coleman, who recently sold his farm southeast of here, is now a citizen of Laclede, having moved in this week.

C. F. Hill marketed a hog here yesterday that weighed 580 pounds and brought him \$34.80. It was bought by J. H. Dick.

I will meet all competition on farm loans, and it will be my pleasure to "show you." See or write J. S. Reger, Brookfield.

A. L. Powell, of Chillicothe, district manager of the National Life Insurance company, was here on business, Wednesday.

P. F. Felt went to Mendon Thursday to receive a car of timothy seed which he shipped out from that place.

A. J. Linn moved his family down from Iowa this week and took possession of his farm three miles south of town.

Wm. Meeker and family on their way from Illinois to Kansas, stopped off here Wednesday and visited Mr. Meeker's brother, F. P. and family.

Ed. Gibson, who bought the Wm. Glenn farm, came in yesterday morning with a car of goods and is moving out to the farm. He came from Monmouth, Illinois.

Baby sleeps and grows while mamma rests if Rocky Mountain Tea is given. It's the greatest baby medicine ever offered loving mothers. 35 cents. W. R. Barton.

Pimples, faded complexion, chapped skin, red, rough hands, eczema, tetter, bad blood, cured in a short time, with Rocky Mountain Tea, the great complexion restorer. W. R. Barton.

The M. E. church at Moberly burned Wednesday night. Origin of the fire is not known. It was valued at \$3,000. Insurance, \$1,500. Rev. J. F. Lusk, the pastor, sustained considerable loss on furniture, as he had no insurance.

W. C. Young was here from Iowa this week and closed up his deal for the W. C. Ring farm. Mr. Young will not move down this year having rented the place to A. J. Harter for another season.

At J. R. Wells' public sale to be held on Feb. 11, all household goods will be sold, including the parlor furniture and it will be to the interest of those wanting anything in that line to attend the sale.

Four prominent farmers southeast of town are putting up a telephone line to connect with Laclede central. The line starts at H. C. McCoy's and takes on Peter Smith, Frank Atwood and A. J. Leech.

S. F. Thompson, real estate agent, in addition to farm property has some desirable city property for sale at real bargains. Those having city property for sale as well as those wanting to buy should call on him.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Albin went to Kansas City yesterday noon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Walker Lyle who died at her home there Thursday night. Mrs. Lyle was a sister of Mr. Albin and well known in Laclede, the family having resided here a number of years ago.

Another rural telephone company has been organized northwest of town and the line is now being built. The line is three and a half miles long and will support five phones. Those on the line are C. P. Harter, Wm. Kranz, J. H. Wright, P. Z. White and C. A. Hetrick. It will connect with Laclede central.

The revival meetings at the Presbyterian church begun last week are still in progress and are drawing a full house every night. Evangelist Smith is an able and convincing speaker and is arousing much interest. He is being assisted by Rev. Murphy. The meetings will continue through next week.

A fellow by the name of moon living in Michigan got married. That was a change of moon. After awhile his wife presented him with a daughter. That was a new moon. He went out and got drunk for joy. That was a full moon; when he sobered up he had only 25 cents. That was his last quarter. When he got home his mother-in-law met him with a rolling-pin and there was a total eclipse.

A. J. Leech has bought the Wm. Swank residence and five acres of ground a half mile south of town and the 35 acres of Dr. Standly adjoining it and also Mr. Standly's thirty-seven acre tract cornering with the other on the southwest and will convert the whole into a seventy-seven acre farm. It averages him \$53 per acre. We are glad to have Mr. Leech again buying and remain near Laclede.

Official instructions authorizing rural free delivery from Laclede to begin March 2, was received this week. The boxes were shipped from the factory two weeks ago but have not yet arrived. All government supplies have been received except the two United States mail boxes, one of which is to be placed at Woodland Mill and the other at Boomer's corner. The carrier has not yet been appointed.

Bargain in a Linn County Farm. My farm of 260 acres 2 1/2 miles west of Laclede known as the Scribner farm. Will sell at a bargain if sold soon. Write me.

C. H. HOLCOMB, Clinton, Mo.

## MUST HAVE GOOD ROADS.

Free Delivery of Mails Depend on the Condition of the Public Highways.

The superintendent of rural free delivery has issued the following circular for the information of patrons of the service and shows the necessity of good roads:

No. 1. The Department looks to the patrons of the Rural Free Delivery service, who are receiving the benefits of the service, to use their utmost personal endeavors, and also to exert their influence with the road supervisors, or with those officials who are responsible for the condition of the highways; to the end that the roads traveled by rural carriers may be always kept open and in such passable shape that the service can be regularly and punctually performed.

No. 2. Should the regularity of the service be needlessly destroyed as the result of inattention and lack of care bestowed on the highways, the permanent withdrawal of the delivery will very likely result.

No. 3. Rural letter carriers are required to serve their routes regularly at all seasons of the year and in every kind of weather when it can be done without seriously imperiling their lives or endangering their conveyances or the United States mail which is in their custody.

No. 4. Patrons should clear away the snow drifts, so that carriers can drive up to and reach boxes from their vehicles without dismounting.

No. 5. It is not a part of the carrier's duty to break out the roads after severe snow storms.

No. 6. Rural carriers are expected to energetically try to serve their routes even though the conditions may be extremely adverse, and any undue lack of zeal on their part should be promptly brought to the attention of this office for such action as the merits of the case require.

## Advice to Girls.

From the Des Moines (Iowa) News.

Experience is proverbially a dear school.

Mrs. Bessie Willard, a beautiful and cultivated young woman, is a recent pupil in this school. She became fascinated with Joe Willard, a handsome, scapegrace actor, and ran away to marry him.

Three hours after the ceremony she knew she had made a mistake. He took her purse and all the money she had and squandered it.

Willard represented that he had several companies on the road and promised to make her a famous actress.

Stage life looked to the girl like a glittering pageant seen through the shifting kaleidoscope of her girlish fancy. "Alas that dreams are only dreams." It is the old story of disillusion. The mirage rises. The vision fades. She realized she had married a cur, a miserable, sneaking scamp.

Out of her experience this young woman, whose life is wrecked, gives some sage advice.

Not every girl is caught by the fairy stories of a gay dissembler, but every girl may profit by the sensible advice of Mrs. Willard:

"1. Don't take men for what they seem to be—probe their lives. If they are honorable they have nothing to conceal; if they are not, your probing will save you from the ruin I have brought upon my life."

"2. Don't trust any man, particularly not one who is a suaver, glib talker and who tells extravagant tales of his family and wealth."

"3. Don't marry an actor or imagine yourself in love with him. Remember that the glamour of the footlights blinds a girl's eyes until she can see a gentleman in a beast."

"4. Don't elope. Any man who is worth marrying does not win a wife by stealth."

"5. Remember that men treat women as prey."

Worldly wise words. Sad. But true.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the many kind friends and neighbors who helped us in our sad bereavement in the death of our dear mother and grandmother.

MRS. ELICETTA POST, MRS. EMMA SHIPLEY.

Are You Restless at Night?

And harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. 25c, 50c and \$1 bottle at W. R. Barton's.

Ben Doolin was over from Meadville on business Friday.

## Death of Mrs. Macklin.

Lydia Ann Strominger was born in Lewisburg, Penn., Sept. 15, 1823; died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Post, in this city Feb. 1, 1903, aged 79 years, 4 months and 17 days. February 20, 1851, she was united in marriage to Geo. W. Macklin. To them were born six children. Of these but one, Mrs. Post, is living. For about thirty-six years Mrs. Macklin had made her home in Laclede. When quite young she united with the German Lutheran church and, although she never united with any other denomination, she was a regular attendant upon the services of the Methodist church in this city as long as she was able to attend church. She gave to those about her the assurance of her readiness to die. Besides Mrs. Post there remain five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church Monday afternoon, by Rev. E. L. Robinson, and the interment made in the Laclede cemetery.

## State Capital Removal.

Jefferson City is fast mapping out a plan of defensive campaign against capital removal. It sees in the trend of things a St. Louis movement. Jefferson City citizens say that when all the truth is understood Kansas City, St. Joseph and Joplin and, possibly, Sedalia, will come to the rescue. If the legislature should order the question of removal put to the people it would require a two-thirds vote in favor of removal by the voters of the state. Jefferson City believes the western half of the state would vote against St. Louis. The eastern half of the state defeated the move to send the capital to Sedalia eight years ago.

## M. E. Church.

Please do not forget the Sacramental service next Sunday morning. Let every member of the church, who can possibly come, do so. Business meeting of the Fourth Quarterly conference Monday afternoon 2 o'clock.

## E. L. ROBINSON, Pastor.

## Cancer Cured!

Mr. W. W. Prickett, Smithfield, Ill., writes, Sept. 10th, 1901: "I had been suffering several years with a cancer on my face, which gave me great annoyance and unbearable itching. I was using Ballard's Snow Liniment for a sore leg, and through an accident, I rubbed some of the liniment on the cancer, and as it gave me almost instant relief, I decided to continue to use the liniment on the cancer. In a short time the cancer came out, my face healed up and there is not the slightest scar left. I have implicit faith in the merits of this preparation, and it cannot be too highly recommended." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. W. R. Barton.

## Loses Both Feet.

Byron Lamme has received word that his brother, Milton, generally known here as "Bud", had the misfortune to get both his feet frozen on January 10 and in an effort to save his life both members were amputated just below the knees last week. He is in Wyoming. Mr. Lamme expects to leave for Wyoming in a few days and bring his brother home as soon as he is able to come.

## Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at J. H. Brown's, druggist.

## Last Call for Taxes.

Pay your taxes this month. All who have not paid by the 28th will be returned delinquent and you will have to settle with the county treasurer and pay a penalty.

## L. E. HAMILTON, Twp. Collector.

## WEAK LOW-SPRITED.

A Correspondent Thus Describes His Experience.

"I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficacy for indigestion, loss of appetite, sour taste in the mouth, palpitation, headache, drowsiness after meals with distressing mental depressions and low spirits. Herbine must be a unique preparation for cases such as mine for a few doses entirely removed my complaint. I wonder at people going on suffering or spending their money on worthless things, when Herbine is procurable, and so cheap." 50c a bottle at W. R. Barton's.

A forty-five acre farm three miles from town, for sale or rent. Call on or write, R. A. David, Laclede, Mo.

## COUNTY COURT.

Proceedings of the Regular Monthly Meeting Held at Linneus Last Monday.

Court convened pursuant to adjournment. Present, Judges Johnson, Chapman, Bruner, Sheriff R. J. Dail, and Clerk Ben B. Edwards.

Frank Masterson was granted a luncheon license.

Ordered by the court that the private road of Duffield, Young and others in Jackson township be declared a public road.

Ellen Spencer (colored) sent to the infirmary.

Delf Wilson loaned \$400 from school fund.

Chris Love loaned the sum of \$600 from school fund.

E. J. Richardson loaned the sum of \$600 from school fund.

Application and bond of Peter McDonald for dramshop granted.

John Y. Smith loaned the sum of \$366.70 from county school fund.

John Morris work on bridge \$101.55.

Petition for county school supervision rejected because of insufficient number of signers thereto.

T. M. Davis reapportioned superintendent of county infirmary for year ending Dec. 31, 1904.

## ALLOWANCES.

R. J. Dail, boarding prisoners	\$17 55
Pauline Morris, washing for prisoners	3 75
Lewis Morris, janitor court house	6 00
E. G. Petty & Son, mdsse jail and inf'm	13 81
J. R. C. Manette, coal	73 44
Lam Dodgeworth Book Co. stationery	5 35
Standard Printing Co.	6 70
Gast Lithograph Co.	65 18
B. B. Edwards, serv Co Clerk	144 15
J. A. Neal, acct.	1 40
The Argus, stationery	20 00
W. T. Johnson, care boy, reform school	30 00
H. P. Lander, serv pros att'y	66 66
J. B. Fleming, serv Co treasurer	32 46
AL Pratt, Gridley insane case	24 85
Allen & Co, mdsse	2 25
Bulletin, stationery	13 00
Fell & Co, mdsse for infirmary	60 00
J. B. Fleming, telephone Co.	27 00
AL Pratt, Solomon insane case	23 46
WB Flowers, care brother	30 00
G. Blossom, taking patients to inf'm	7 00
H. C. Prewitt, office chair	3 75
R. J. Dail, expense taking F. Gridley to asylum	33 25
GD Barnard & Co. stationery	100 00
City Linneus, rent court room	100 00
JW Dillinger rent election room	5 00
J. B. Fleming, insurance costs	130 00
Standard Ptg Co. stationery	1 30
R. J. Dail, taking prisoner to asylum	38 07
TM Davis, board inmates infirmary	214 72
J. B. Fleming, inquiry case	102 54
J. B. Fleming, criminal costs	102 54
Frank Owens, care insane	2115 15
RN Bowden, care destitute Br'kfield	24 50
Joe Reece, bridge work	33 00
LM Mettler, same	3 00
P. E. Morris, same	75 75
Mrs. AJ Smith, care father	5 00
J. Wilkinson, care Tom Knight	4 00
WH Jenkins, work at infirmary	6 00
TL McMichael, bridge comm'r	38 70
Chas Jacob	27 50
Leon Jacob	27 50
Henry Johnson, county judge	16 60
W. M. Bruner, same	11 00
E. A. Chapman, same	12 20
R. J. Dail, sheriff	4 00

Court adjourned to March 2, 1903.

## Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by J. H. Brown, Druggist. Prices 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

Mrs. Lyons, who has been here taking care of her step-son, Lee, during his illness, returned to her home in St. Louis yesterday. Lee accompanied her home and will remain in the city some time.

## CURED CONSUMPTION.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kas., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months; the doctors stated he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago, and since then we always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds, it has no equal." 25c, 50c and \$1 bottle at W. R. Barton's.

**HOW MANY HANDS**

do you suppose dip into that bulk coffee before you buy it?

**Lion Coffee**

comes in sealed, airtight packages; no chance for handling, or dirt or things to get in.

Clean, Fresh and Fragrant.